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EUR/SOV:RBARRY
EUR/RPM:AKORKY
OES/ENP:HSPIELMAN
ACDA/MA:PCORDEN
ACDA/GC:JMCNEILL
AF/C:EMARKS(SUBS)
AF/S:DKEOGH(SUBS)
AF/W:RHOUDEK(SUBS)
ARA/RPP:POAKLEY(SUB)
EA/RA:LMCNUTT(SUBLS)
NEA/RA:JMONTVILLE(SUBS)
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SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION
(ENMOD) CONVENTION

1. THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION (ENMOD) CONVENTION, NEGOTIATED IN 1976 BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD) AND APPROVED ON DECEMBER 10, 1976 BY UNGA RESOLUTION 31/72, WILL BE OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT GENEVA ON MAY 18. THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WILL ATTEND, AND WILL SIGN THE CONVENTION ON BEHALF OF THE US AND USSR. UNSYG WALDHEIM, DEPOSITARY OF THE CONVENTION, WILL ATTEND AND WILL PRESIDE OVER THE SIGNING CEREMONY. (FYI. THE CONVENTION WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR SIGNATURE IN GENEVA UNTIL MAY 31, AND THEREAFTER WILL BE OPEN FOR SIGNATURE IN NEW YORK. END FYI.)

2. EXCEPT FOR THE GOVERNMENTS OF SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, AND MEXICO, HOST GOVERNMENTS OF INFO ADDRESSEES VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONVENTION. (FYI. UNGA RESOLUTION 31/72 WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 96 TO 8, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH 30 ABSTENTIONS. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ABSTAINED: ARGENTINA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BURUNDI, CHILE, COMOROS, CONGO, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, FRANCE, GABON, GAMBIA, IRAQ, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA,

MALAYSIA, MAURITIUS, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, PERU, RWANDA, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UGANDA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, VENEZUELA, YEMEN. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES VOTED NO: ALBANIA, ECUADOR, GRENADA, KENYA, KUWAIT, MEXICO, PANAMA, ZAMBIA. END FYI)

4. FOR USUN: IF APPROACHED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE ENMOD RESOLUTION, YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

A. THE USG APPRECIATES YOUR GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION, AS SHOWN BY YOUR VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED ON THE UNSYG TO OPEN THE CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION.

B. THE SIGNING CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 18TH IN GENEVA, WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO PARTICIPATING ON BEHALF OF THE US AND USSR. UNSYG WALDHEIM IS DEPOSITARY OF THE CONVENTION, AND HE PLANS TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

C. WE WOULD BE PLEASED IF OTHER COUNTRIES JOINED US IN SIGNING THE ENMOD CONVENTION ON MAY 18TH, HELPING TO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT THIS IS AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL

BENEFIT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

D. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SOME COUNTRIES PLAN TO HAVE THE CONVENTION SIGNED BY THEIR AMBASSADOR TO THE UN OFFICE IN GENEVA, OR BY THEIR AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR FRANCE. THE USG VERY MUCH HOPES THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE ENMOD CONVENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. FOR ALL OTHERS: WE DO NOT WISH POSTS TO INITIATE ACTION ON THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF ASKED YOU MAY DRAW ON THE ABOVE TALKING POINTS, PLUS THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRESENTED BELOW:

A. THE CONVENTION PRIMARILY PROHIBITS THE MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES HAVING WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE EFFECTS AS A MEANS OF DESTRUCTION, DAMAGE OR INJURY TO ANOTHER STATE PARTY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONVENTION WILL EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE WHATEVER DANGERS MIGHT ARISE FROM THE HOSTILE USE OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES, AND WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR NATIONS TO GIVE APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF PEACEFUL USES OF TECHNIQUES FOR

MODIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT.

B. IN THE NEAR FUTURE ENMOD TECHNIQUES MAY BE OF PRACTICAL VALUE TO MANY COUNTRIES, AND THUS IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE THAT USE OF THESE TECHNIQUES BE DIRECTED TOWARD PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THIS IN TURN ENHANCES THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE JOIN IN THE PROHIBITION OF HOSTILE USES OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES.

6. FOR HELSINKI: FINNISH PERMREP TO THE UN PASTINEN FLOOR-MANAGED THE ENMOD RESOLUTION IN THE 31ST UNGA, ENTAILING CONSIDERABLE EFFORT ON HIS PART. IF GOF RAISES THE SUBJECT, EMBASSY REMARKS SHOULD INCLUDE INDICATION OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR PASTINEN'S SERVICES.

7. FOR LAGOS: AMBASSADOR CLARK (CCD REP AND HEAD OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NIGERIAN UNGA DISARMAMENT DELEGATION) PARTICIPATED

INTENSIVELY IN THE BARGAINING WHICH LED TO THE FINAL WORDING OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION, AND EVENTUALLY SWUNG A DECISIVE NUMBER OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT OF THE CONVENTION. IF GON RAISES THE SUBJECT, EMBASSY REMARKS SHOULD INCLUDE MENTION OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

8. FOR NEW DELHI: FORMER CCD REP MISHRA (PRESENTLY AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA) WAS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE DURING 1976 ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS AT CCD, FORMULATING SEVERAL COMPROMISE PROVISIONS TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES WHICH COULD HAVE RESULTED IN A DEADLOCK. IF GOI RAISES THE SUBJECT, PLEASE REITERATE USG APPRECIATION AND ASK THAT THIS BE RELAYED TO AMBASSADOR MISHRA.

9. FOR BERNE: SINCE SWITZERLAND IS NOT A UN MEMBER, IF GOS RAISES THE SUBJECT THE TALKING POINTS WILL REQUIRE MINOR ADJUSTMENTS.

10. FOR MOSCOW: YOU MAY INFORM THE MFA THAT WE ARE NOT MAKING APPROACHES IN OTHER CAPITALS REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THE ENMOD SIGNING CEREMONY, BUT NEITHER DO WE WISH TO DISCOURAGE ATTENDANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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